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DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT SCH NO. 2015111045

CITY OF LA HABRA February 2018



Appendix Q Public Service Letters





April 29, 2015

Dawnna Lawrence, Acting Chief Deputy, Business Operations Los Angeles County Fire Department 1320 North Eastern Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90063

Subject:

Westridge Residential Development Project

Dear Chief Lawrence:

VCS Environmental (VCS) has been retained to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Westridge Residential Development Project which, if approved, would result in the development of up to 474 homes, including 264 single-family homes and 210 multi-family residences, on the approximately 151-acre Westridge Golf Course property in the City of La Habra. The project site is located at 1400 S La Habra Hills Drive. The enclosed conceptual site plan illustrates the proposed project design, including vehicular ingress/egress.

The residential component of the proposed project encompasses approximately 60 acres (40 percent) of the total 151 acres of the project site resulting in an overall density of 3.14 dwelling units per acre. The remaining nearly 91 acres (60 percent) are proposed to accommodate a variety of public and private open space and recreation uses, including a Public Community Center and park, a linear park, public park and picnic area, and open space/habitat.

A Notice of Preparation (NOP) will be sent to the Los Angeles County Fire Department (Department) soliciting comments for inclusion in the Draft EIR. In addition, in order to adequately address potential impacts of the proposed project to Department facilities, specifically Stations 194 and 193 adjacent to and within the City of La Habra, and to any other surrounding areas. I am requesting information related to polices of the Department and related to operations of facilities that would serve the project:

- 1. Which Department fire station would be the first responding station to a fire at the project site? What are the back-up stations? Please provide addresses and distances to the project site.
- 2. What are the manpower and equipment allocations at each of those fire stations? Are these allocations adequate to meet the minimum acceptable service standards? If not, please explain.
- 3. What is the Department's standard for emergency response times by fire and paramedic units?
- 4. What are the emergency response times from each of the responding fire stations to the project site?

- 5. Is the Department proposing to construct new fire stations in the vicinity of the Project site in the future? If so, please describe the location, timing, and effect on the agency's level of service.
- 6. Would implementation of the proposed residential development adversely affect the Department's ability to provide an adequate level of protection (e.g., increased response time, inadequate manpower and/or equipment, etc.) not only to the proposed project but also within the service area?
- 7. Is the project site located within a "high fire hazard" area? If so, please describe the requirements that would be imposed on the project to address the potential impacts that may be anticipated.
- 8. What "standard conditions" related to fire protection/emergency access and response would be applied to the project by the Department (e.g. site plan review, payment of impact fees, etc.)?
- 9. Would the proposed project, when considered with all other approved and/or planned development within the City's jurisdiction, result in a significant "cumulative" impact to the Department's ability to continue to provide an adequate level of fire protection? If so, please describe the nature and extent of these impacts.
- 10. If either project-related or cumulative impacts would occur, what mitigation measures would be required of the project applicant to reduce these impacts to a less than significant level?

I would greatly appreciate receiving this information for inclusion into the Draft EIR by May 29, 2015, if possible, in order to incorporate the information and submit the screencheck EIR to the City of La Habra for review and comment, after which it would be distributed for public review and comment.

Please contact me at eturner@vcsenvironmental.com or 949.489.2700 extension 216 should you have any questions or need additional information.

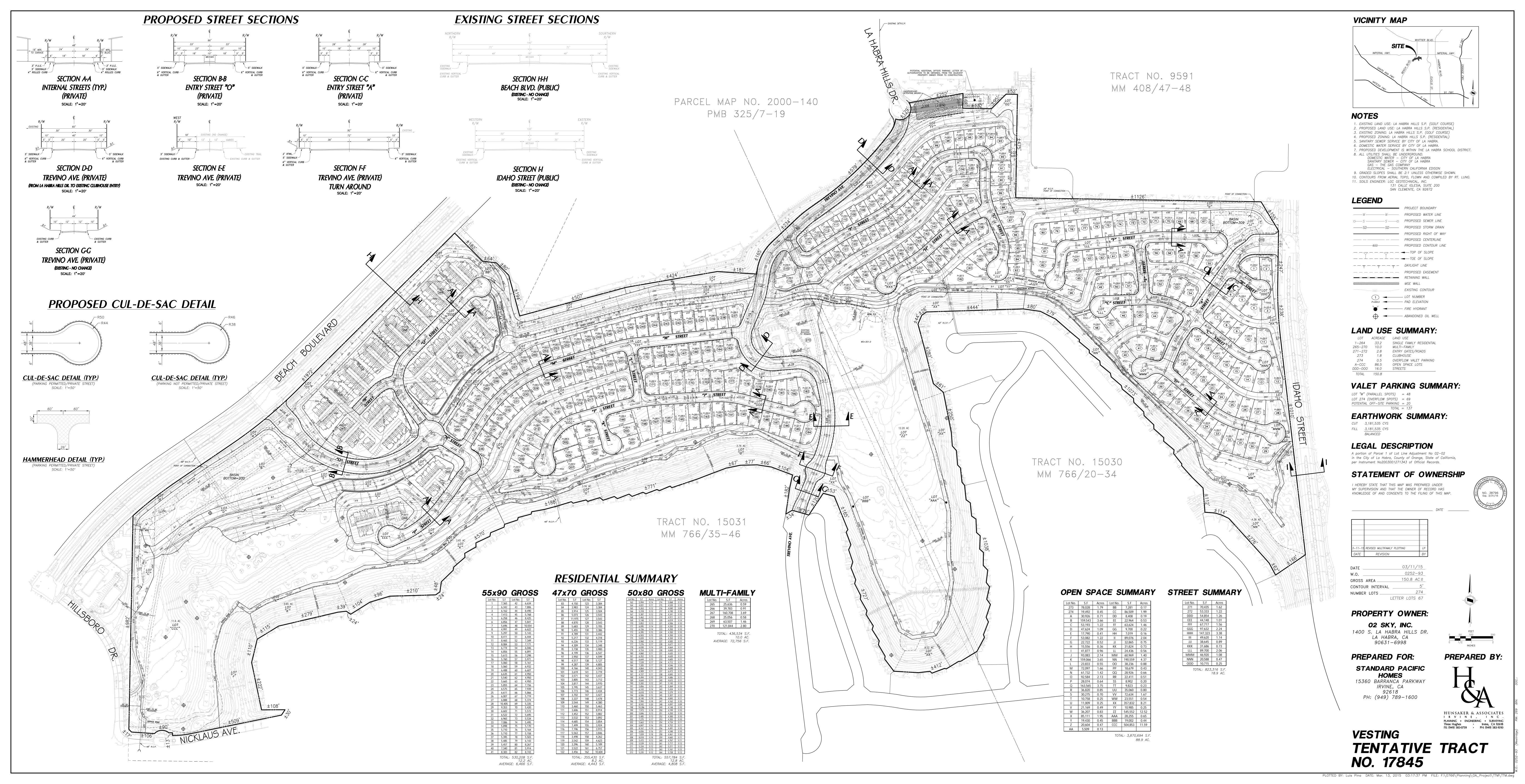
Sincerely,

Eric Turner

Assistant Project Manager

Enclosures (1):

Conceptual Site Plan





COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES



FIRE DEPARTMENT

1320 NORTH EASTERN AVENUE LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90063-3294

DARYL L. OSBY FIRE CHIEF FORESTER & FIRE WARDEN

May 26, 2015

Eric Turner, Assistant Project Manager City of La Habra VCS Environmental 30900 Rancho Viejo Road, Suite 100 San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

Dear Mr. Turner:

INITIAL STUDY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, "WESTRIDGE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT", DEVELOPMENT OF UP TO 474 HOMES, INCLUDING 264 SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES AND 210 MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENCES, ON THE APPROXIMATELY 151-ACRE WESTRIDGE GOLD COURSE PROPERTY, 1400 SOUTH LA HABRA HILLS DRIVE, LA HABRA (FFER 201500085)

The Initial Study of a Draft Environmental Impact Report has been reviewed by the Planning Division, Land Development Unit, Forestry Division, and Health Hazardous Materials Division of the County of Los Angeles Fire Department. The following are their comments:

PLANNING DIVISION:

 Which Department Fire station would be the first responding station to a fire at the project site? What are the back-up stations? Please provide addresses and distances to the project site.

Fire Station 194, located at 13540 South Beach Boulevard, La Mirada, CA 90631, is the jurisdictional station (1st-due) for the project site. It is approximately 1 mile from the project site and is estimated to have an emergency response time of 3:20 minutes.

SERVING THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF:

Fire Station 193, located at 1000 Risner Way, La Habra, CA 90631, is the (2nd-due) for the project site. It is approximately 1.3 miles from the project site and is estimated to have an emergency response time of 4:20 minutes.

2. What are the manpower and equipment allocations at each of those fire stations? Are these allocations adequate to meet the minimum acceptable service standards? If not, please explain.

Fire Station 194 is staffed with a 4-person assessment engine company* (1 Fire Captain, 1 Fire Fighter Specialist, 1 Fire Fighter/Paramedic and 1 Fire Fighter).

Fire Station 193 is staffed with a 3-person assessment engine company* (1 Fire Captain, 1 Fire Fighter Specialist and 1 Fire Fighter/Paramedic).

Yes, existing resources are well within the Fire Department's service standards.

*(An assessment engine company is an engine company with some limited paramedic capabilities).

3. What is the department's standard for emergency response times by fire and paramedic units.

The Fire Department uses national guidelines of a 5-minute response time for the 1st-arriving unit for fire and EMS responses and 8 minutes for the advanced life support (paramedic) unit in urban areas.

4. What are the emergency response times from each of the responding fire station to the project site?

See response to Question No. 1.

5. Is the Department proposing to construct new fire stations in the vicinity of the Project site in the future? If so, please describe the location, timing, and effect on the agency's level of service.

No, at this time there are no plans to construct a new fire facility within the project area.

6. Would implementation of the proposed residential development adversely affect the Department's ability to provide an adequate level of protection (e.g., increased

response time, inadequate manpower and/or equipment, etc.) not only to the proposed project but also within the service area?

While each additional development does create a greater demand on existing resources, this project is expected to have a less than significant effect on Fire Department services.

7. Is the project site located within a "high fire hazard" area? If so, please describe the requirements that would be imposed on the project to address the potential impacts that may be anticipated.

To be answered by Forestry Division.

8. What "standard conditions" related to fire protection/emergency access and response would be applied to the project by the Department (e.g. site plan review, payment of impact fees, etc.)?

To be answered by Land Development Unit.

9. Would the proposed project, when considered with all other approved and/or planned development within the City's jurisdiction, result in a significant "cumulative" impact to the Departments ability to continue to provide an adequate level of fire protection? If so, please describe the nature and extent of these impacts.

Fire protection serving the area appears to be adequate for the existing development/land use. While each additional development creates greater demands on existing resources and there are other smaller projects within the City's jurisdiction, the cumulative impact of these projects appears to have a less than significant impact on fire protection services.

10. If either project-related or cumulative impacts would occur, what mitigation measures would be required of the project applicant to reduce these impacts to a less than significant level?

The effects of new development are evaluated on a case by case basis and mitigation measures may differ. However, this project is expected to have a less than significant impact.

LAND DEVELOPMENT UNIT:

- 1. The County of Los Angeles Fire Department's Land Development Unit's comments are general requirements. Specific fire and life safety requirements and conditions set during the environmental review process will be addressed and conditions set at the building and fire plan check phase. Once the official plans are submitted for review there may be additional requirements.
- 2. The proposed development may necessitate multiple ingress/egress access for the circulation of traffic and emergency response issues.
- 3. The development of this project must comply with all applicable code and ordinance requirements for construction, access, water mains, fire flows, and fire hydrants.
- 4. Every building constructed shall be accessible to Fire Department's apparatus by way of access roadways with an all-weather surface of not less than the prescribed width. The roadway shall be extended to within 150 feet of all portions of the exterior walls when measured by an unobstructed route around the exterior of the building.
- 5. When involved with subdivision in a city contracting fire protection with the County of Los Angeles Fire Department, Fire Department's requirements for access, fire flows, and hydrants are addressed during the subdivision tentative map stage.
- 6. Submit proposals for all street vacations (closures) to the County of Los Angeles Fire Department's Land Development Unit for review and approval. The proposal shall be submitted through the City Department of Public Works.
- 7. Fire sprinkler systems are required in all residential and most commercial occupancies. For those occupancies not requiring fire sprinkler systems, it is strongly suggested that fire sprinkler systems be installed. This will reduce potential fire and life losses. Systems are now technically and economically feasible for residential use.
- 8. The development may require fire flows up to 8,000 gallons per minute at 20 pounds per square inch residual pressure for up to a five-hour duration. Final fire flows will be determined per the County of Los Angeles Fire Code Appendix B Table B105.1.

- 9. Fire hydrant spacing shall be 300 feet and shall meet the following requirements:
 - a) No portion of lot frontage shall be more than 200 feet via vehicular access from a public fire hydrant.
 - b) No portion of a building shall exceed 400 feet via vehicular access from a properly spaced public fire hydrant.
 - c) Additional hydrants will be required if hydrant spacing exceeds specified distances.
 - d) When cul-de-sac depth exceeds 200 feet on a commercial street, hydrants shall be required at the corner and midblock.
 - e) A cul-de-sac shall not be more than 500 feet in length when serving land zoned for commercial use.
- 10. Non-Residential Turning Radius-Turning radii shall not be less than 32 feet. This measurement shall be determined at the centerline of the road. A Fire Department approved turning area shall be provided for all driveways exceeding 150 feet in-length and at the end of all cul-de-sacs.
- 11. Non-Residential Access Provide a minimum unobstructed width of 28 feet exclusive of shoulders except for approved security gates in accordance with Section 503.6, and an unobstructed vertical clearance "clear o sky" Fire Department's vehicular access to within 150 feet of all portions of the exterior walls of the first story of the building as measured by an approved route around the exterior of the building when the height of the building above the lowest level of the Fire Department's vehicular access road is more than 30 feet high or the building is more than three stories. The access roadway shall be located a minimum of 15 feet and a maximum of 30 feet from the building and shall be positioned parallel to one entire side of the building. The side of the building on which the aerial fire apparatus access road is positioned shall be approved by the fire code official. Fire Code 503.1.1 and 503.2.2. Cross hatch the Fire Department's vehicular access on the site plan and clearly depict the required width.
- 12. Non Residential Access Widths Driveway width for non-residential developments shall be increased when any of the following conditions will exist:

- a) Provide 34 feet in-width, when parallel parking is allowed on one side of the access roadway/driveway. Preference is that such parking is not adjacent to the structure.
- b) Provide 42 feet in-width, when parallel parking is allowed on each side of the access roadway/driveway.
- c) Any access way less than 34 feet in-width shall be labeled "Fire Lane" on the final recording map and final building plans.
- d) For streets or driveways with parking restrictions: The entrance to the street/driveway and intermittent spacing distances of 150 feet shall be posted with Fire Department approved signs stating "NO PARKING FIRE LANE" in three-inch high letters. Driveway labeling is necessary to ensure access for Fire Department use.
- 13. High Density Residential Fire Flow The development may require fire flows up to 8,000 gallons per minute at 20 pounds per square inch residual pressure for up to a five-hour duration. Final fire flows will be determined by the County of Los Angeles Fire Code Appendix B Table B105.1.
- 14. High Density Residential Hydrant Requirements-Fire hydrant spacing shall be 300 feet and shall meet the following requirements:
 - a) No portion of lot frontage shall be more than 200 feet via vehicular access from a public fire hydrant.
 - b) No portion of a building shall exceed 400 feet via vehicular access from a properly spaced fire hydrant.
 - c) When cul-de-sac depth exceeds 200 feet, hydrants will be required at the corner and midblock.
 - d) Additional hydrants will be required if the hydrant spacing exceeds specified distances.
- 15. High Density Residential Turning Radius Turning radii shall not be less than 32 feet. This measurement shall be determined at the centerline of the road. A Fire Department approved turning area shall be provided for all driveways exceeding 150 feet in-length and at the end of all cul-de-sacs.

- High Density Residential Access Provide a minimum unobstructed width of 28 feet, exclusive of shoulders, except for approved security gates in accordance with Section 503.6, and an unobstructed vertical clearance "clear o sky" Fire Department's vehicular access to within 150 feet of all portions of the exterior walls of the first story of the building as measured by an approved route around the exterior of the building when the height of the building above the lowest level of the Fire Department's vehicular access road is more than 30 feet high or the building is more than three stories. The access roadway shall be located a minimum of 15 feet and a maximum of 30 feet from the building and shall be positioned parallel to one entire side of the building. The side of the building on which the aerial fire apparatus access road is positioned shall be approved by the fire code official. Fire Code 503.1.1 and 503.2.2. Cross hatch the Fire Department's vehicular access on the site plan and clearly depict the required width.
- 17. High Density Residential Access Widths The 28 feet in width shall be increased to:
 - a) 34 feet in width when parallel parking is allowed on one side of the access way.
 - b) 36 feet in width when parallel parking is allowed on both sides of the access way.
 - c) Any access way less than 34 feet in width shall be labeled "Fire Lane" on the final recording map and final building plans.
 - d) For streets or driveways with parking restrictions: The entrance to the street/driveway and intermittent spacing distances of 150 feet shall be posted with Fire Department approved signs stating "NO PARKING -FIRE LANE" in three-inch high letters. Driveway labeling is necessary to ensure access for Fire Department use.
- 18. High Density Residential Net Acre When serving land zoned for residential uses having a density of more than four units per net acre:
 - a) A cul-de-sac shall be a minimum of 34 feet in width and shall not be more than 700 feet in length.
 - b) The length of the cul-de-sac may be increased to 1000 feet if a minimum of 36 feet in width is provided.

- c) A Fire Department approved turning area shall be provided at the end of a cul-de-sac.
- 19. Single Family Dwelling Fire Flow Single family detached homes shall require a minimum fire flow of 1,250 gallons per minute at 20 pounds per square inch residual pressure for a two-hour duration. Two family dwelling units (duplexes) shall require a fire flow of 1,500 gallons per minute at 20 pounds per square inch residual pressure for a two-hour duration. When there are five or more units taking access on a single driveway, the minimum fire flow shall be increased to 1,500 gallons per minute at 20 pounds per square inch residual pressure for a two-hour duration.
- 20. Single Family Dwelling Hydrant Requirement Fire hydrant spacing shall be 600 feet and shall meet the following requirements:
 - a) No portion of lot frontage shall be more than 450 feet via vehicular access from a public fire hydrant.
 - b) No portion of a structure should be placed on a lot where it exceeds 750 feet via vehicular access from a properly spaced public fire hydrant.
 - c) When cul-de-sac depth exceeds 450 feet on a residential street, hydrants shall be required at the corner and midblock.
 - d) Additional hydrants will be required if hydrant spacing exceeds specified distances.
- 21. Single Family Dwelling Turnaround A Fire Department approved turning area shall be provided for all driveways exceeding 150 feet in-length and at the end of all cul-de-sacs.
- 22. Single Family Dwelling Access Fire Department's access shall provide a minimum unobstructed width of 20 feet, clear-to-sky and be within 150 feet of all portions of the exterior walls of the first story of any single unit.
- 23. Single Family Dwelling Access Widths Streets or driveways within the development shall be provided with the following:

- a) Provide 36 feet in width on all streets where parking is allowed on both sides.
- b) Provide 34 feet in width on cul-de-sacs up to 700 feet in length. This allows parking on both sides of the street.
- c) Provide 36 feet in width on cul-de-sacs from 701 to 1,000 feet in length. This allows parking on both sides of the street.
- d) For streets or driveways with parking restrictions: The entrance to the street/driveway and intermittent spacing distances of 150 feet shall be posted with Fire Department approved signs stating "NO PARKING - FIRE LANE" in three-inch high letters. Driveway labeling is necessary to ensure access for Fire Department use. Turning radii shall not be less than 32 feet. This measurement shall be determined at the centerline of the road.
- 24. All access devices and gates shall meet the following requirements:
 - a) Any single gated opening used for ingress and egress shall be a minimum of 26 feet in-width, clear-to-sky.
 - b) Any divided gate opening (when each gate is used for a single direction of travel i.e., ingress or egress) shall be a minimum width of 20 feet clear-to-sky.
 - c) Gates and/or control devices shall be positioned a minimum of 50 feet from a public right-of-way and shall be provided with a turnaround having a minimum of 32 feet of turning radius. If an intercom system is used, the 50 feet shall be measured from the right-of-way to the intercom control device.
 - d) All limited access devices shall be of a type approved by the Fire Department.
 - e) Gate plans shall be submitted to the Fire Department prior to installation. These plans shall show all locations, widths, and details of the proposed gates.
- 25. All proposals for traffic calming measures (speed humps/bumps/cushions, traffic circles, roundabouts, etc.) shall be submitted to the Fire Department for review prior to implementation.

- 26. Disruptions to water service shall be coordinated with the County of Los Angeles Fire Department and alternate water sources shall be provided for fire protection during such disruptions.
- 27. If additional public fire hydrants are required submit three sets of water plans to the County of Los Angeles Fire Department's Land Development Unit. The plans must show all proposed changes to the fire protection water system such as fire hydrant locations and main sizes. The plans shall be submitted through the local water company. All required fire hydrants will be plotted by the Fire Department.
- 28. Should any questions arise regarding subdivision, water systems, or access, please contact the County of Los Angeles Fire Department's Land Development Unit's Claudia Soiza at (323) 890-4243.
- 29. The County of Los Angeles Fire Department's Land Development Unit appreciates the opportunity to comment on this project.

FORESTRY DIVISION – OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS:

1. The statutory responsibilities of the County of Los Angeles Fire Department's Forestry Division include erosion control, watershed management, rare and endangered species, vegetation, fuel modification for Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones or Fire Zone 4, archeological and cultural resources, and the County Oak Tree Ordinance. Potential impacts in these areas should be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Report.

HEALTH HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DIVISION:

1. The Health Hazardous Materials Division (HHMD) of the Los Angeles County Fire Department advises that prior to commencement of onsite ground-disturbing activities, the Applicant shall assess the project site soils for the presence of potential agricultural chemicals (e.g., insecticides, pesticides, and/or herbicides) that are typically associated with irrigated landscapes (such as golf courses) and evaluate the site for environmental impacts from potential onsite and/or nearby petroleum oil wells and associated piping. If the project site is significantly impacted by agricultural chemicals and/or oil wells (including associated methane gas and petroleum hydrocarbon impacts), then the site should be further assessed and/or mitigated under environmental oversight of authorized government agencies, and a clearance letter and/or a "No Further Action" (closure) letter should be obtained prior to the City's issuance of a grading permit.

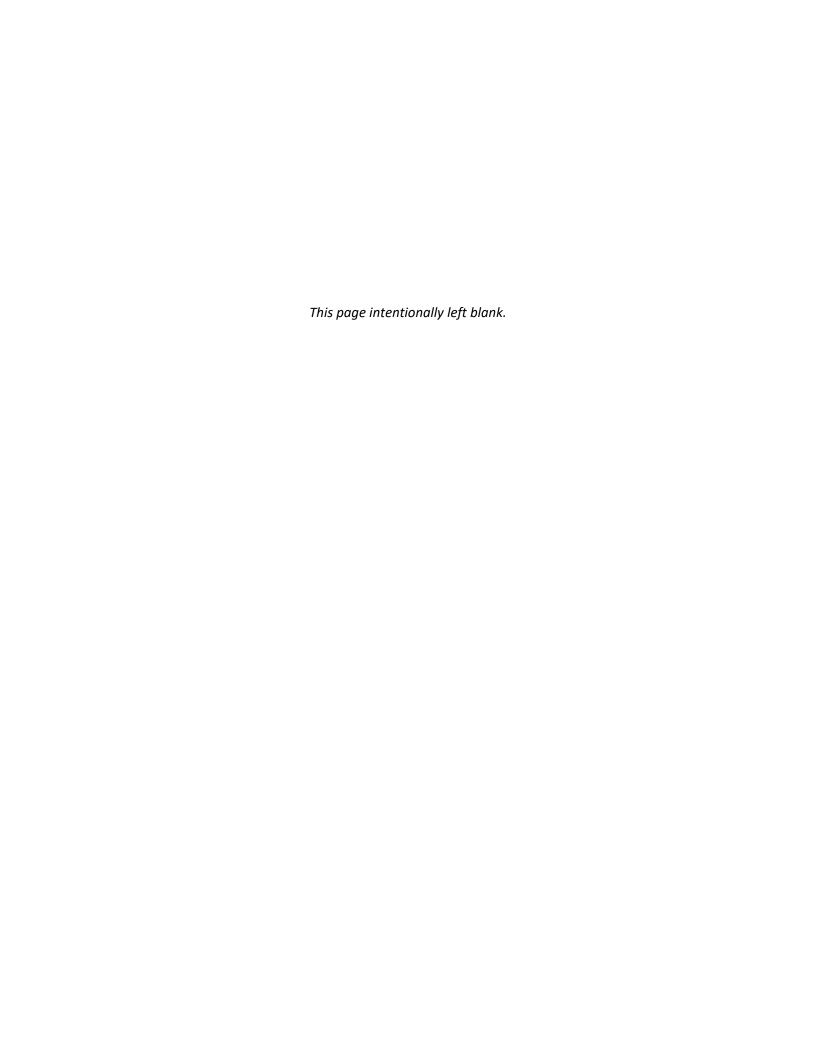
If you have any additional questions, please contact this office at (323) 890-4330.

Very truly yours,

KEVIN T. JOHNSON, ACTING CHIEF, FORESTRY DIVISION

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May 28, 2015

Jerry Price, Chief City of La Habra Police Department 150 North Euclid Street La Habra, CA 90631

Subject:

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A Notice of Preparation (NOP) will be sent to the City of La Habra Police Department (Department) soliciting comments for inclusion in the Draft EIR. In addition, in order to adequately address potential impacts of the proposed project to the Department's facilities, I am requesting information related to the polices of the Department and related to operations of facilities that would serve the project:

- 1. What is the location of the existing Police Stations(s) serving the City of La Habra?
- 2. How is police protection provided in the City (e.g., beats, substations, etc.)?
- 3. Does the Department have plans to expand or relocate existing Police facilities or construct new Police facilities? If so, please describe those facilities and the timing.
- 4. What Police facilities would serve the Project site?
- 5. What is the Department's established "acceptable" personnel-to-population ratio, if one has been established?
- 6. What is the current personnel-to-population ratio?

- 7. What is the Department's standard for emergency response times?
- 8. What are the current response times to emergencies at the project site?
- 9. What types of crimes occur within the project area?
- 10. Does the Department require the implementation of standard conditions (e.g., defensible space design, site plan review, payment of impact fees, etc.) for development occurring in the City? If so, please explain.
- 11. Would the proposed residential development, either individually or cumulatively, result in potentially significant impacts to the Department or adversely affect the Department's ability to provide an adequate level of police/law enforcement service within the City? If so, please explain.
- 12. If project implementation (i.e., buildout of the residential development) would result in significant impacts to the Department, please identify specific mitigation measures that would be required to reduce the project-related impacts to a less than significant level.

I would greatly appreciate receiving this information for inclusion into the Draft EIR by June 26, 2015, if possible, in order to incorporate the information and submit the screencheck EIR to the City of La Habra for review and comment, after which it would be distributed for public review and comment.

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Sincerely,

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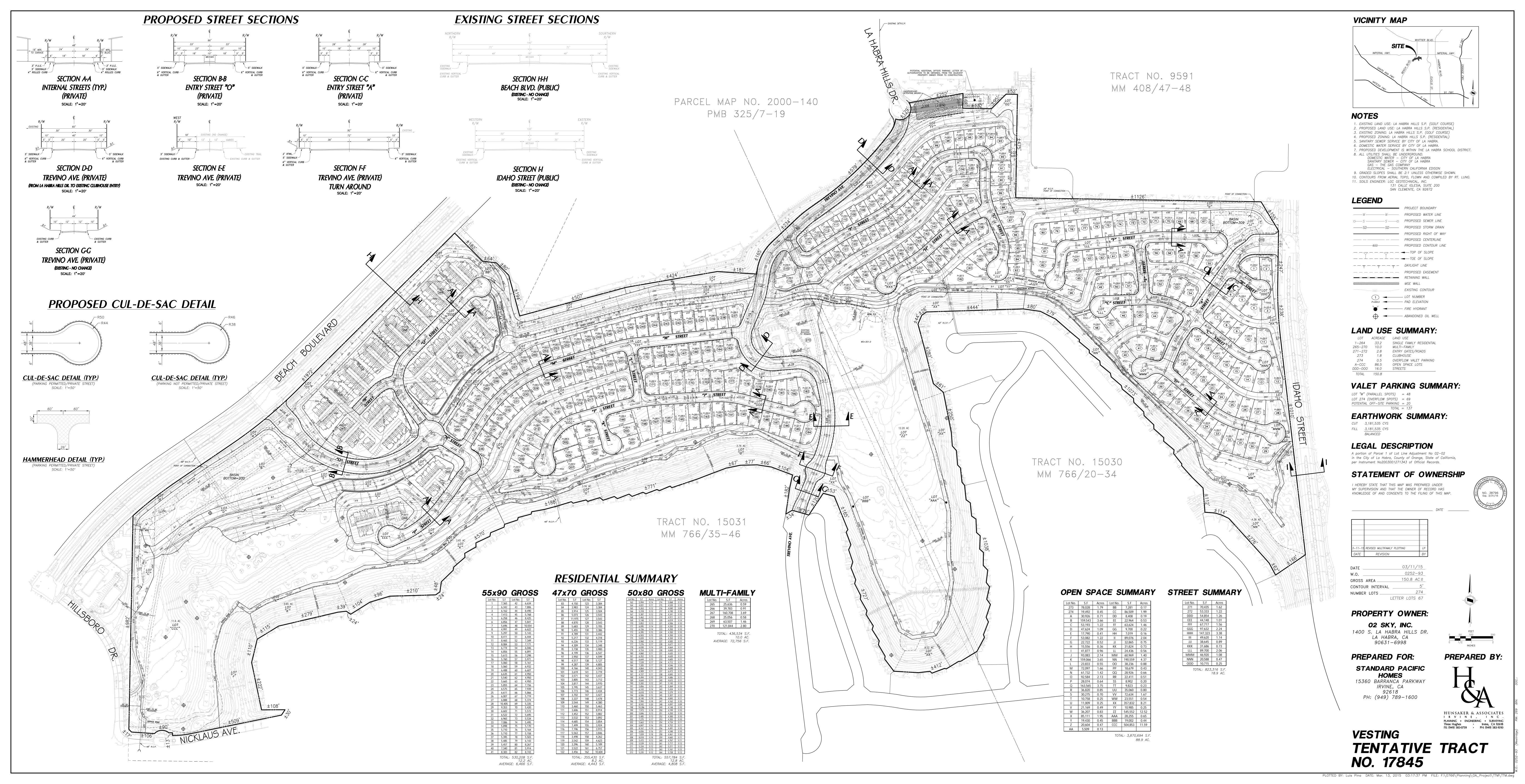
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July 20, 2015

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San Juan Capistrano, CA. 92675

Dear Mr. Turner,

We are responding to your request dated May 28, 2015 regarding the Westridge Residential Development Project. Our responses are in order of the questions asked in your correspondence:

- La Habra Police Department
 150 N. Euclid St.
 La Habra, Ca. 90631
- 2. The city is divided into beats, there are no substations used.
- 3. The police department does not have a current plan to expand or the relocate the police facility. The department has outgrown its current facility and will need to expand or build a new police building in future years.
- 4. The location listed in #1 above
- 5. No specific ratio has been established. It is determined by the police chief and city manager based on the need of the city.
- 6. The current police officer to citizen ratio is 1.1.
- 7. The current average response time to Priority One calls is approximately 3 minutes and 40 seconds.

- 8. Four minutes 41 seconds
- 9. Residential burglary, auto burglary, and theft are the most common crimes in the project area.
- 10. The question is referred to our planning department.
- 11. The proposed 474 homes would add approximately 1,000 new residents to the city of La Habra. The police department would see an increased demand for police services. Calls for service in the city would likely increase proportional to the population increase. There are also a number of other large projects occurring in the City which will cumulatively impact services we provide.
- 12. The police department would need to hire more police officers to provide service to the community. The current police facility will need to be expanded or a new larger police building will need to be constructed.

Sincerely,

Jerry Price Police Chief